

# Memo

**To:** Montana State Library Commission

**From:** Jennie Stapp, Digital Library Director  
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**Date:** May 23, 2011

**Re:** Montana State Library Trust Request

The Montana State Library Trust received two donations in the name of Rosetta Kamlowky over the past year. Rosetta Kamlowky was a Helena area radio broadcaster and was one of the first female radio broadcasters in the state. As part of her radio shows for KBLL Radio she interviewed Montana politicians, local and national celebrities as well as local people from Helena. Her collection of radio interviews is now available at the Montana Historical Society and her friends Karen and Bob Cooper digitized the collection and are slowly transcribing the interviews and making them available through the Montana Memory Project (MMP). As a result of this effort two donations totaling \$380 have been made to the Montana State Library Trust for use by the MMP.

Because of the small nature of these donations, it is MSL's desire to use these funds rather than waiting for funds to accumulate. To that end, MSL is requesting authorization to use some of these funds to purchase two external hard drives. These hard drives will be used by MMP contributing libraries to transfer their master digital files to the OCLC Digital Archive for long term preservation. Preserving master digital files is a critical step to deliver long term access to the one-of-a-kind digital content made available through the MMP and these hard drives will help Montana libraries facilitate this preservation process.

**Total funds available: \$380**

**Total request: Up to \$300**